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(54) Title: USE OF SECRETAGOGUES LIKE GHRELIN IN CANCER CACHEXIA AND FOR STIMULATING APPETITE

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates, in one aspect, to the use of a secretagogue compound for the preparation of a medicament for the prophylaxis or treatment of cancer cachexia in an individual in need of such treatment. In another aspect, the present invention relates to the use of a ghrelin-like compound for the preparation of a medicament for prophylaxis or treatment of cachexia in an individual by administering a subcutaneous dosage of said medicament to the individual. In a further aspect, the present invention relates to the use of a ghrelin-like compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for the preparation of a medicament for stimulation of appetite in an individual by administering a subcutaneous dosage of said medicament to the individual. Furthermore, the present invention relates to a number of new ghrelin-like compounds and uses thereof, as well as to pharmaceutical compositions and medical packaging comprising the new ghrelin-like compounds.

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